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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Stephen J. LaFontaine

Serial No. 10/798,647

Art Unit No. 3673

Filed: 03/11/04

Examiner: Sunil Singh

For: Method and Apparatus For Installing Underground Pipe

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper in the above-identified application and all papers referred therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Robert R. Meads

April 29, 2005

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

As a small entity, Applicant petitions for and encloses herewith the petition fee of \$225.00 relative to an extension of two (2) months time in which to file this Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2004.

Robert R. Meads
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April 29, 2005

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 30,
2004, please amend the SPECIFICATION, CLAIMS and DRAWINGS as
indicated and consider the following REMARKS.